# COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

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# OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY County of San Luis Obispo



#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

**Board of Supervisors** 

FROM:

Gerald T. Shea, District Attorney

DATE:

April 25, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Proclaiming the Week of April 23 through 29, 2006, as

"San Luis Obispo County Crime Victims' Rights Week"

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board proclaim April 23 - 29, 2006 as "San Luis Obispo County Crime Victims' Rights Week."

#### **Discussion**

Each year, the Board of Supervisors joins the state and nation in proclaiming a week in April as "Crime Victims' Rights Week." This year, as the nation commemorates the National Crime Victims' Rights Week, we ask the Board to recognize April 23 through 29, 2006 as "San Luis Obispo County Crime Victims' Rights Week". In 1981, President Reagan first declared Crime Victims' Rights Week to help focus our nation's attention on the plight of crime victims. This year's theme, "Victim's Rights: Strength in Unity", underscores that justice is achieved through the dedication and commitment of the many agencies and community organizations that diligently work to care for and provide services for our crime victims. This is especially timely in light of the recent random acts of violence in our community.

### Other Agency Involvement

Locally, the District Attorney's Victim Witness Assistance Center works in collaboration with a wide variety of public and private agencies and groups on a local and state level to ensure the rights of crime victims in San Luis Obispo County and the provision of services necessary to achieve those rights. XIV San Luis Obispo County Crime Victims' Rights Week April 25, 2006 Page 2

#### **Financial Consideration**

None.

#### Results

With the recognition of San Luis Obispo County Crime Victims' Rights Week, we increase the public's understanding about crime victimization in our society and help our community understand the value and importance of ensuring the rights of crime victims and their families. We also recognize the dedicated first responders and support agencies, including Victim Witness employees and volunteers, who provide crisis and support services to victims of all crimes. Last year, the Victim/Witness Center provided a wide variety of crisis and support services to 3,143 new victims of crime. This was achieved through the efforts of trained advocates with the assistance of volunteers who donated over 2,000 hours.

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## IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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#### RESOLUTION NO.

#### RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 23 - 29, 2006 AS "SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK"

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, President Ronald W. Reagan first declared "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" in 1981 to focus our nation's attention on the plight of crime victims; and

WHEREAS, this year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week theme is "Victims' Rights: Strength in Unity" and presents a national and local opportunity to reflect on the devastating impact of crime on victims and to recognize the collaboration of Federal, State, and community programs to assist victims; and

WHEREAS, crime and violence in America affects us all, and this is especially timely in light of the recent random acts of violence in our community resulting in the tragic deaths of innocent victims, physical injuries to others and emotional injuries to witnesses, neighbors and citizens alike; and

WHEREAS, "Strength in Unity" is demonstrated by San Luis Obispo County first responders and victim support agencies who carry out their duties with professionalism and compassion responding to the emergency needs of the victims and witnesses; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Center is a partner with first responders and other support agencies, assisting crime victims for 29 years and last year helping 3,143 new victims of crime with crisis and support services; and

WHEREAS, America has joined together annually for the past 26 years to recognize the needs and rights of crime victims and survivors during National Crime Victims' Rights Week each April;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that San Luis Obispo County proclaims the week of April 23 to 29, 2006, as "San Luis Obispo County Crime Victims' Rights Week" and reaffirms our commitment to "Strength in Unity" by bringing rights and justice to crime victims and our entire community.

Upon motion of Supervisor				
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